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California Environmental Quality Act

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT NEGATIVE DECLARATION

LEAD AGENCY: Bay Area Air Quality Management District

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SUBJECT: NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT NEGATIVE DECLARATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 21092 AND 21092.3 OF THE PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE AND CEQA GUIDELINES SECTION 15072

Project Title: Regulation 8, Rule 20: Graphic Arts Printing and Coating Operations

Project Location: The rules and proposed amendments apply within the Bay Area Air Quality Management District ("District"), which includes all of Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Napa, San Francisco, San Mateo, and Santa Clara counties, and the southern portions of Solano and Sonoma counties.

Project Description: The District has regulatory authority over stationary sources of air pollution in the San Francisco Bay Area. Regulation 8, Rule 20 limits emissions from certain types of printing equipment: letterpress, lithographic, flexographic, gravure, and screen printing by setting volatile organic compound (VOC) limits on inks, coatings and cleaning materials used. The proposed amendments will implement control measure SS-2 in the 2005 Ozone Strategy and undertake further VOC reductions. The proposed amendments will:

- Reduce the VOC content of ink used in flexographic presses on porous substrates such as paper;
- Reduce the VOC content in cleaning products used in the printing industry;
- Reduce the applicability limit in the rule from 175 pounds of VOC emissions per month to 75 pounds per month and require facilities that emit between 75 and 400 pounds VOC per month to register with the District;
- Subject operators using some large commercial digital printing equipment to recordkeeping requirements;
- Delete the provision for an alternate emissions control plan and the extreme performance screen printing petition; and
- Make other changes to enhance and clarify the rule and enhance the ability to verify compliance and to enforce Regulation 8-20.

In addition, proposed amendments to Regulation 2, Rule 1 will change the permit exemption level so that it is consistent with Regulation 8, Rule 20. Facilities that emit more than 400 pounds of VOC per month will require permits; those that are subject to the rule (emissions of at least 75 lbs/month) but emit less than 400 pounds will be required to register with the District. The amendments to Regulation 3: Fees, Schedule R: Equipment Registration Fees are proposed for facilities required to register, \$215 for initial registrations and \$135 for annual renewals.

Negative Declaration: A copy of the Negative Declaration is available for review on the District's website at http://www.baaqmd.gov/pln/ruledev/regulatory_public_hearings.htm and at the District office at 939 Ellis Street, San Francisco.

Written comments on the Negative Declaration must be addressed to Julian Elliot, Bay Area Air Quality Management District, 939 Ellis Street, San Francisco, California, 94109 or to wsaltz@baaqmd.gov. The review period for the Negative Declaration is from Monday, October 6, 2008 until 5:00 p.m. on Monday, October 27, 2008.

Public Hearing: On Wednesday, November 5, 2008 at 9:45 a.m., the Board of Directors of the Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD) will conduct a public hearing to consider amendments to Regulation 8, Rule 20: Graphic Arts Printing and Coating Operations; Regulation 2: Permits, Rule 1: General Requirements; Regulation 3: Fees, Schedule R: Equipment Registration Fees; and the adoption of a Negative Declaration pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The hearing will be held in the 7th floor Board Room of the District Office, 939 Ellis Street, San Francisco.